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Severe Floods on the Yukon River Red Cross Assists Galena Evacuees; Deploys More Volunteers

ALASKA, Wednesday, May 29, 2013 — More than 200 people have been evacuated from Galena by the Tanana Chiefs Conference (TCC) due to severe Yukon River flooding. Evacuees with friends and family in Fairbanks to stay with were flown out on Monday. Those who had to quickly leave their flooding homes before being able to retrieve necessary medications were also evacuated by the TCC. They are being assisted with shelter and immediate needs by the American Red Cross of Alaska in Anchorage and Fairbanks.

UPDATE:

Two Red Cross disaster workers have been deployed from the lower 48 to assist local workers in flood relief for affected Alaskans.

An additional emergency response vehicle is to deploy from Anchorage to Fairbanks with two volunteers where Galena evacuees are being sheltered by their friends and family, TCC, and Red Cross.

Red Cross and other officials are urging Galena evacuees to register their well being at redcross.org/safeandwell. Safe and Well is a Red Cross program that helps to reconnect families and loved ones after disaster.

Once flood waters recede, Red Cross will be able to conduct damage assessment in Galena and begin to distribute cleanup supplies to affected homes. More than 200 kits (including buckets, mops, brooms, gloves and other supplies) have been requested to Galena once volunteers are able to safely get on the ground.

This is an ongoing flood response expected to affect hundreds of Alaskans. You can help people affected by disasters like the recent floods by making a donation to American Red Cross Disaster Relief at redcross.org/Alaska or by calling 907-646-5401.

Red Cross of Alaska cannot accept goods donations at this time. Support for the families displaced by flooding will best come in a financial contribution to Red Cross.

If you are interested in becoming a Red Cross volunteer, visit <http://www.redcross.org/ak/anchorage/volunteer>

About the American Red Cross:

Last year the American Red Cross of Alaska mobilized relief to 631 Alaskans affected by disaster, trained 31,515 people in lifesaving skills, taught more than 5,000 Alaskans how to be better prepared for disasters, and exchanged 2,100 emergency messages for U.S. military service personnel and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org/Alaska or visit us on Twitter at [@RedCrossAK](https://twitter.com/RedCrossAK).